

What is claimed is:

1. A firearm comprising:  
an elongated barrel having a rearward end,  
a breech plug fastened to the rearward end of the barrel  
with a nipple extending rearwardly of the breech  
plug,  
a receiver at the rearward end of the barrel, the  
receiver having an opening for receiving a firing  
element,  
a bolt assembly positioned within the receiver, and  
the firing element having an elongated bore  
extending through the firing element from a forward  
end to a rearward end wherein the rearward end of  
the bore receives a percussion element and the  
forward end receives the nipple such that a forward  
end of the percussion element is in alignment with  
the nipple.
2. The device of claim 1 wherein the firing element  
has a cylindrical body member with a rearward portion of  
greater diameter, a forward portion of reduced diameter,  
and a shoulder portion on the body member between the  
forward and rearward portions dwelling in a plane  
perpendicular to a center elongated axis of the body  
member.
3. A firearm comprising:  
an elongated barrel having a rearward end,  
a breech plug fastened to the rearward end of the barrel  
with a nipple extending rearwardly of the breech  
plug,  
a receiver at the rearward end of the barrel, the  
receiver having an opening for receiving a firing

element,  
a bolt assembly positioned within the receiver, and  
the firing element having an elongated bore  
extending through the firing element from a forward  
end to a rearward end wherein the rearward end of  
the bore receives a percussion element and the  
forward end receives the nipple such that a forward  
end of the percussion element is in alignment with  
the nipple.

4. The device of claim 1 wherein the firing element  
has a cylindrical body member with a rearward portion of  
greater diameter, a forward portion of reduced diameter,  
and a shoulder portion on the body member between the  
forward and rearward portions dwelling in a plane  
perpendicular to a center elongated axis of the body  
member.

5. A firing element for use with a firearm having a  
barrel with a breech plug at a rearward end of the  
barrel, and a nipple extending rearwardly from the  
breech plug, comprising:  
an elongated cylindrical body member having a forward  
and a rearward end,  
a rearward portion of the body member of greater  
diameter,  
a forward portion of the body member of reduced  
diameter,  
a shoulder portion on the body member between the  
forward and the rearward portions dwelling in a  
plane perpendicular to a center elongated axis of  
the body member, and  
an elongated bore extending between the forward and the

rearward end wherein a percussion element is received in the rearward end of the bore and the nipple is received in the forward end of the bore such that a forward end of the percussion element is in alignment with the nipple.